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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was mostly slow to fair with limited interest. Offerings of all sizes were readily available; floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair for midweek, and usually limited to most immediate needs. Availability of all items was at least adequate to instances plentiful with slow movement, even at competitive prices. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed. Trucks remained short of trade needs.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cent to 74.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 75.75 cents last year on October 20 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	165.50
BREASTS - B/S	137.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	134.50
LEG QUARTERS	47.50
WINGS	87.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand was mostly slow to fair with limited buying interest. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair at best. Availability of all items was at least adequate to ample and continued to be discounted to help move additional product. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes ranged adequate to available and competitively priced in some instances. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items remained ample and discounted. Dark meat cuts were available. Wings were at least adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to weak. Offerings were ample, trade call very light. Fill-in trade into the Chicago area noted at 45 cents on 3 up wogs. Demand into all channels was slow to light for the most part. Floor stocks in balance to long; weights mixed. Offerings of all parts items were plentiful, discounted and slow to clear. The market tone was about steady to weak on all parts.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was weak. Offerings fully adequate. Retailer demand moderate. Floor stocks adequate.

## **BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 5 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 15, 2005. This was up 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **BROILER CHICKS UP 3 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 15, 2005. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through October 15, 2005 were 7.17 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## **BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES**

WEEK ENDING 10/15/05	2005	2004	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	205,495	196,265	+05
CHICKS PLACED	168,610	164,297	+03

Source: USDA, NASS

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 26-Nov-05 is estimated at 153.9 million head. This compares to 154.6 million head the previous week and to 153.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 119.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 68.36 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 19, 2005

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - B/S	656	95.00-178.00	98-105	107.33
TENDERLOINS	198	100.00-184.00	-	110.14	TENDERLOINS	163	97.00-182.00	-	110.44
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - LINE RUN	87	70.00-84.00	74-78	75.54
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	564	37.00-47.00	42-43	42.69	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	589	38.00-47.00	43	42.86
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	951	41.00-49.00	44-45	44.17	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	900	41.00-49.00	45	44.82
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	80.00-85.00	-	83.08	WINGS (WHOLE)	299	75.00-85.00	79-82	81.62
WINGS (CUT)	25595.00-102.00	97-99	99.16		WINGS (CUT)	285	95.00-102.00	95-99	98.75
DRUMSTICKS	58	45.00-72.00	-	50.10	DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	68	118.00-134.00	-	122.74	B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR					F.O.B. DOCK.				
	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE				RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE		
	42.50-49.50	46.20				43.00-50.50	46.73		
							5-DAY AVERAGE		
							47.15		

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light to fair at best and generally unaggressive during midweek trading as dealers limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins remained readily available, slow to clear and competitively priced. Drums and wings were at least sufficient for current needs; other dark meat cuts remained fully adequate to ample. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair. The market tone continued barely steady to weak.

\*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

OCTOBER 18, 2005	CURRENT NEG	WTD		OCTOBER 05, 2005	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	116.14	863,147	BREAST - B/S	115	115.62	496,000
TENDERLOINS	110-115	125.44	315,097	TENDERLOINS	110	115.97	108,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	75.11	84,200	BREAST - WITH RIBS	66-67	69.62	90,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	68.11	81,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	66	65.43	102,920
LEGS	60-61	62.37	206,680	LEGS	59-60	61.20	118,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	45.02	282,560	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	46.84	226,160
DRUMSTICKS	46-47	45.54	145,570	DRUMSTICKS	46-47	49.45	99,720
THIGHS	54-55	61.91	59,490	THIGHS	54-55	61.72	58,600
B/S THIGHS	123-124	121.53	90,080	B/S THIGHS	122-123	121.71	101,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	86.08	190,000	WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	88.41	220,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.80	22,680	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.48	19,492
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	50.39	23,624	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	54.70	11,123
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.95	22,240	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	77.59	17,954

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INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
Alabama	4,036	4,035	4,027	4,403	5.46
Arkansas	5,438	5,448	5,347	6,043	5.43
Delmarva	2,287	2,292	1,974	2,106	5.75
KY-LA-TN	2,216	2,202	2,138	2,351	5.35
Mississippi	3,067	3,125	2,770	2,753	6.01
North Car	2,521	2,508	2,448	2,998	6.59
Texas	2,513	2,542	2,542	2,589	5.32
Total	22,078	22,152	21,246	24,106	5.65
Mon-Wed	66,127(A)				5.42

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Oct-05 is estimated to be 33,031,000 head up 1.67 percent from a week ago and up 2.34 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,488,000, last year 32,277,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	108
	DRY PACK	105-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-112
	DRY PACK	111-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93-95
	DRY PACK	95-105
DUCKS		180-192

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Oct-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/22/05 (1)	10/15/05
THOUSAND HEAD		
Broiler/fryer	168,259 (2)	169,102
Light hens	1,051	1,369
Heavy hens	1,438	1,535
Total	170,748	172,006

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Oct-05 is 164.3 million head compared to 164.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.6 million head or 4.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 29-Oct-05 the estimated available is 161.8 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 10/17/05	101,234	59,613
AM 10/01/05	115,061	55,027
CHG	-13,827	4,586
PCT CHG	-12	8

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/17/05	10/10/05	10/18/04	10/17/05	10/10/05	10/18/04
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	4,541	4,762	14,889	4,979	4,906	5,805
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	95	105	353	2,426	2,376	3,367

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2005

HENS	RANGE	
	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	76-80
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	82-85

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 10/18/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	.50	.43	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.80	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	.75	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.50	.80	.64	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.25	1.80	.80	RABBITS ea.	1.50	2.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.25	5.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	44						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending October 14, 2005

	<u>Whole</u>		<u>Legs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u>	<u>Livers/</u>	
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>&amp; Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	59.46	120.59	83.16	12.47	8.32	70.69
High	62.37	124.75	91.48	20.79	12.47	70.69
Mostly	62.37	120.59	87.32	16.63	8.32	70.69

**SAN JUAN**

Low	56.97	103.96	83.16	14.55	8.32	70.69
High	62.37	124.75	99.80	16.63	12.47	70.69
Mostly	62.37	116.43	91.48	14.55	8.32	70.69

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	56.14	103.96	79.01	12.47	8.32	72.77
High	60.71	120.59	95.64	16.63	12.47	72.77
Mostly	60.71	116.43	83.16	12.47	8.32	72.77

**BECERRA**

Low	58.22	137.22	91.48	16.63	12.47	76.93
High	64.45	141.38	99.80	20.79	16.63	76.93
Mostly	62.37	137.22	95.64	20.79	12.47	76.93

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready to cook whole birds was reported as light to fair, but usually steady. Offerings were adequate, although buyers were showing little if any additional interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 76 cents. In the parts complex, supplies of wings were in a better position and reported as balance to occasionally available, dark meat items were adequate to fully adequate, and breast items were available to long. Trucks were somewhat limited, but spot availability at premiums levels.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	62-82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

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